THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Approximately 47% of Railway officers/employees have been provided with railway accommodation. Leased accommodations are also provided to them. A large number of Railway officers/employees prefer to live in their own accommodation.

(b) Some of the railway quarters are very old and in dilapidated condition.

(c) Corporate Welfare Plan (2006-2015) has been prepared for replacement of old and dilapidated quarters on all Railways. Subject to availability of resources, priorities of works and other factors, Railways endeavour to replace old quarters and provide and maintain required facilities in the quarters as per entitlement of the employees.

Wastage of fuel due to closure of railway crossings

†1498. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that diesel, petrol and time of lakhs of people are wasted unnecessarily due to gate at railway crossings remaining closed in many places all over the country;

(b) whether Government intend to construct under-bridges and over-bridges at important railway crossings of Rajasthan for the convenience of lakhs of passengers and to do away with this wasteful expenditure of time, money and labour;

(c) if so, the details of the plan in this regard; and

(d) the details of the total number of places identified in the State by Government for the construction of these bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Level crossing gates are closed to facilitate safe running of trains on Railways right of way. Railways construct Road over/under bridges on cost sharing basis if the traffic density at the Level Crossing is one lakh or more TVUs (TVU-A unit obtained by multiplying the number of trains with the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing in 24 hours); otherwise on deposit terms *i.e.* at the cost of the State Government concerned duly fulfilling certain preliminary pre-requisites required under extant rules. In addition, Road Over/Under Bridges (ROB/RUB) are also being constructed by NHAI (National Highway Authority of India) on Deposit term basis. Railways make provision of funds in the budget on the basis of proposals received from the State Government for construction of Road over/under bridges on cost sharing basis.

Recently, General Managers of Zonal Railways have been given powers to sanction Limited Height Sub-ways depending upon site conditions, costing upto Rs. 45 lakhs each. These shall be considered based on criteria of safety, closure of nearby level crossing, local road users requirement etc. The decision to take up

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work of construction of ROB/RUBs depends upon the proposal/consent of the State Government to share the cost and agree for closure of Level Crossing.

(d) A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

Details of construction of ROB/RUB in Rajasthan

Sl. No.	Name of Work
	COST SHARING WORKS
1	Rangpur ROB KTT at Level Crossing No. 109 at Km. 921/11-14.
2	ROB in lieu of Lc No. 71-A at Hanumangarh Km. 92/12-13 on Hanumangarh-Suratgarh Sec.
3	RUBs at Kota in lieu of Level Crossing No. 108-A (On Railway's cost.)
4	KTI-COR & KTT-RTA under bridge in lieu of unmanned level crossing (13 nos).
5	Const. of ROB in lieu of LC No. 180 on Kota-Madhura Sec. bet. Gangapur City-Chotti Odai Sec.
6	Const. of ROB in lieu of LC No. 252 B bet. Dhaurmui-Jaghina-Jajanpatti Sec.
7	Palanpur ROB in lieu of LC No. 134 B near Abu Road.
8	Jaipur-Ajmer ROB in lieu of LC No. 28 near Kishangarh.
9	Jaipur-Bandikui ROB in lieu of LC No. 181 near Dausa.
10	Constraction of ROB in lieu of LC No. C-100 at Km. 103/11-12 at Mohindergarh on Mohindergarh-Rewari Loharu Railway line.
11	ROB in lieu of LC No. 106 on SH between Dakaniya Talav and Kota Stations in Mathura Nagda route Km. 913/18-20.
12	Const. of ROB in lieu of LC No. 63/C near Mandal on Ajmer-Chittorgarh sec.
13	Const. of ROB in lieu of LC No. 138 near Bikaner on Bikaner-Lalgarh Sec.
14	Const. of ROB in lieu of LC No. 5A/2 on Ajmer-Palanpur Sec. bet. Ajmer - Saradhana.
15	Const. of ROB in lieu of LC No. 180 on Kota-Madhura Sec. bet. Gangapur City-Chotti Odai Sec.
16	Const. of ROB in lieu of LC No. 252 B bet, Dhaurmui-Jaghina-Jajanpatti Sec.

Sl. No.	Name of Work
	BUILT OPERATE TRANSFER WORKS
1	Const. Of ROB at Rly TP No. 15217-8 between Bandikui-Arania.
2	Construction of ROBs /RUBs at Sewashram in lieu of Level Crossing No. 77 at Udaipur City.
3	ROB Hasanpura: in lieu of Level Crossing No. 224 at Km. 240/10-11 on Bandikui-Jaipur section in Jaipur City.
4	ROB- Jagatpura in lieu of Lc No. 215 in Jagatpura Yard.
5	ROB Ajmer: in lieu of Level Crossing No. 45 near CRPF office Ajmer.
6	Const. Of ROB at Km. 689/4-5 on Luni-Marwar section for Pali Byepass.
7	Construction of ROB in Rly TP No. 78/3-4 in lieu of Lc No 118 (Roopwass rly. crossing) between Alwar-Mahrwa.
8	Construction of ROB at Km. 553/10-1 in lieu of Lc No 32-C between Makaran-Kuclunan station.
9	Provision of twin RUBs at Km. 232/5-6 between BKI-JP section.
10	Constraction of ROB at CH: 124897 m. Railway TP No 88/13-14 near LC. No 124/A-E between station Mahwa-Malakhera.
11	Construction of ROB at Balotra Bypass between T.P. no. 743/9-10 Near C.no.195 between station Balotra and Khed Temple.
12	Construction of ROB at LC No. 194-C at Km 328/15-16 on Ratangarth-Bikaner Section and between Rajaldesar - Ratangarth station.
13	Construction of ROB at Railway T.P no 106/14-107/1 between station Rajgarh-Dhigwara Rly. station on Jaipur-Alwar sec.
14	Construction of ROB at LC No. 5-C ar km. 5/7-8 on Hanumangarh-Sadlpur section and between Hanumangarth jn. - Hanumangarth.
	NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY INDIA WORKS
1	Const. Of Udaipur bypass ROB at Km. 115/13-14 between Udaipur City-Umra Rly stn.
2	Construction of Udaipur bypass ROB at Km. 104/12-13 between Debari Pratap Rly staions on Udaipur-Chittorgarh section.
3	ROB at km. 283/00 of NH-I4 in lieu of Lc No. 121-C between PNU-UDZ section.
4	ROB at Pindwara bypass in lieu of Lc No. 157-A between PNU-UDZ section.

Sl. No.	Name of Work
5	ROB at Km 330/00 of NH-14 in lieu of Lc No. 121-C/2T between PNU-UDZ section
6	ROB at Km. 23/400 of Chittorgarh bypass at Rly. Km. 3/7-8 in lieu of Lc No. 3-C
7	Widing of Existing ROB at km. 176/8-9 bet. Dausa Khanbakhari.

Rail overbridge over Kosi river

†1499. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a railway bridge is under construction over Kosi river between Nirmali-Bhaptiyahi under East Central Railway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after the construction of said bridge several parts of the country including, Patna would be linked with North Eastern State *via* Darbhanga-Saharsa in a short time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After the construction of Kosi rail bridge along with completion of ongoing gauge conversion *viz.* Jayanagar-Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj, Sakri-Laukaha Bazar-Nirmali, Saharsa-Forbesganj, Katihar-Jogbani, Aluabari Road-Siliguri and a new line from Arariya to Thakurganj (Galgalia) projects, an alternative route on broad gauge will be available for North-Eastern States from Gorakhpur side and some other parts of the country.

Looting of passengers by Railway's security personnel

†1500. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the fact that Railway's security personnel are themselves involved in the incidents of looting of rail passengers;

(b) whether any action is being taken against guilty personnel as also to prevent such incidents;

(c) whether any special squad has been formed for security of railways and its passengers; and

(d) if so, where and how the services of this squad are being utilized alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. 06 cases have been reported during the year 2007 (upto July) wherein

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